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In re the Patent Application of)
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For: SHIFT MANIPULATING DEVICE FOR)
AN AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION)

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Sir:

Prior to the initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 8 and 9 and add new claims 14, 15, and 16 as shown in the Appendix. Claims 8 and 9 as amended and new claims 14-16 are presented immediately herebelow.

8. (Amended) The shift manipulating device according to claim 7, wherein the holder is provided at a side thereof with a magnet, and a first substrate is provided near the holder to mount thereon magnetism sensing elements, which are responsive to magnetism of the magnet.

9. (Amended) The shift manipulating device, according to claim 8, wherein the holder is provided on a side thereof with a